

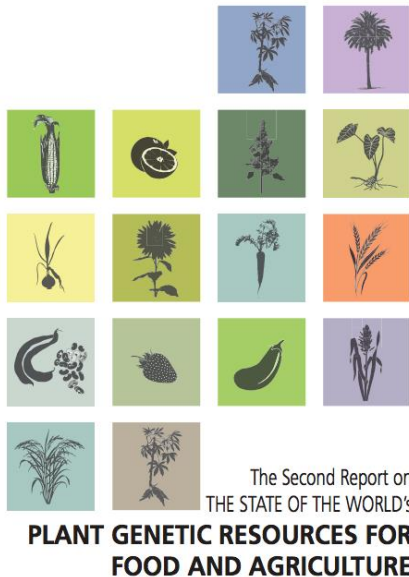


# Measuring progress in the Conservation of Crop Diversity

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# Rolling Global Plan of Action on PGRFA



- Process managed by FAO on behalf of the Commission on Genetic Resources
- **2<sup>nd</sup> State of the World's PGRFA** - 26 October 2010
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Global Plan of Action** - November 2011
- Genebank Standards - 2014

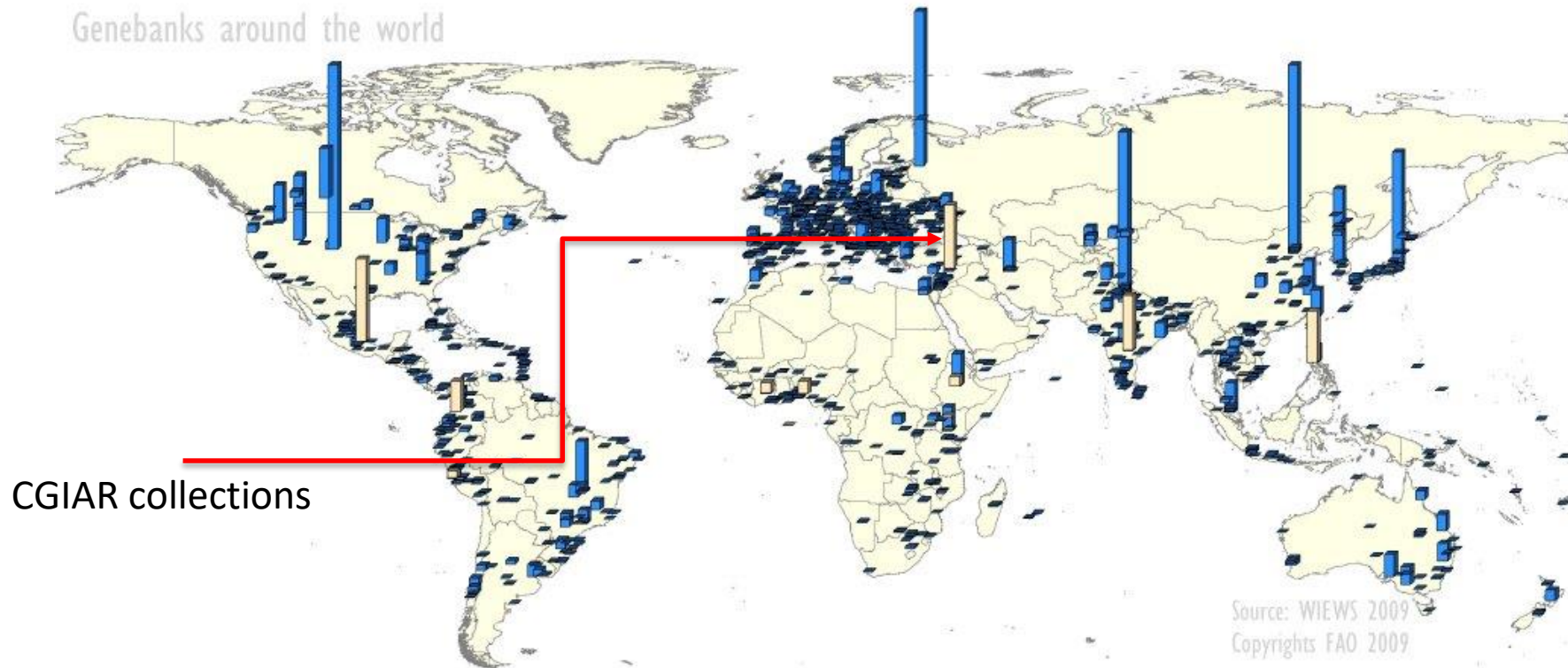
# Where were we then?

- 7.4 million PGRFA accessions
  - 1.4 million > than 10 years before
  - ca. 1.9-2.2 million unique
- 1,750 genebanks
  - 130 with >10,000
  - 11 international collections (CGIAR)
- Svalbard Global Seed Vault



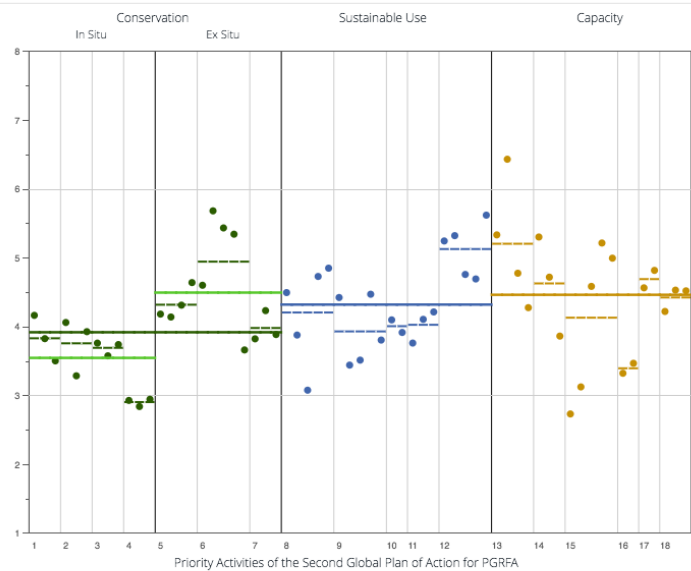
<https://tour.croptrust.org/>

## Genebanks around the world



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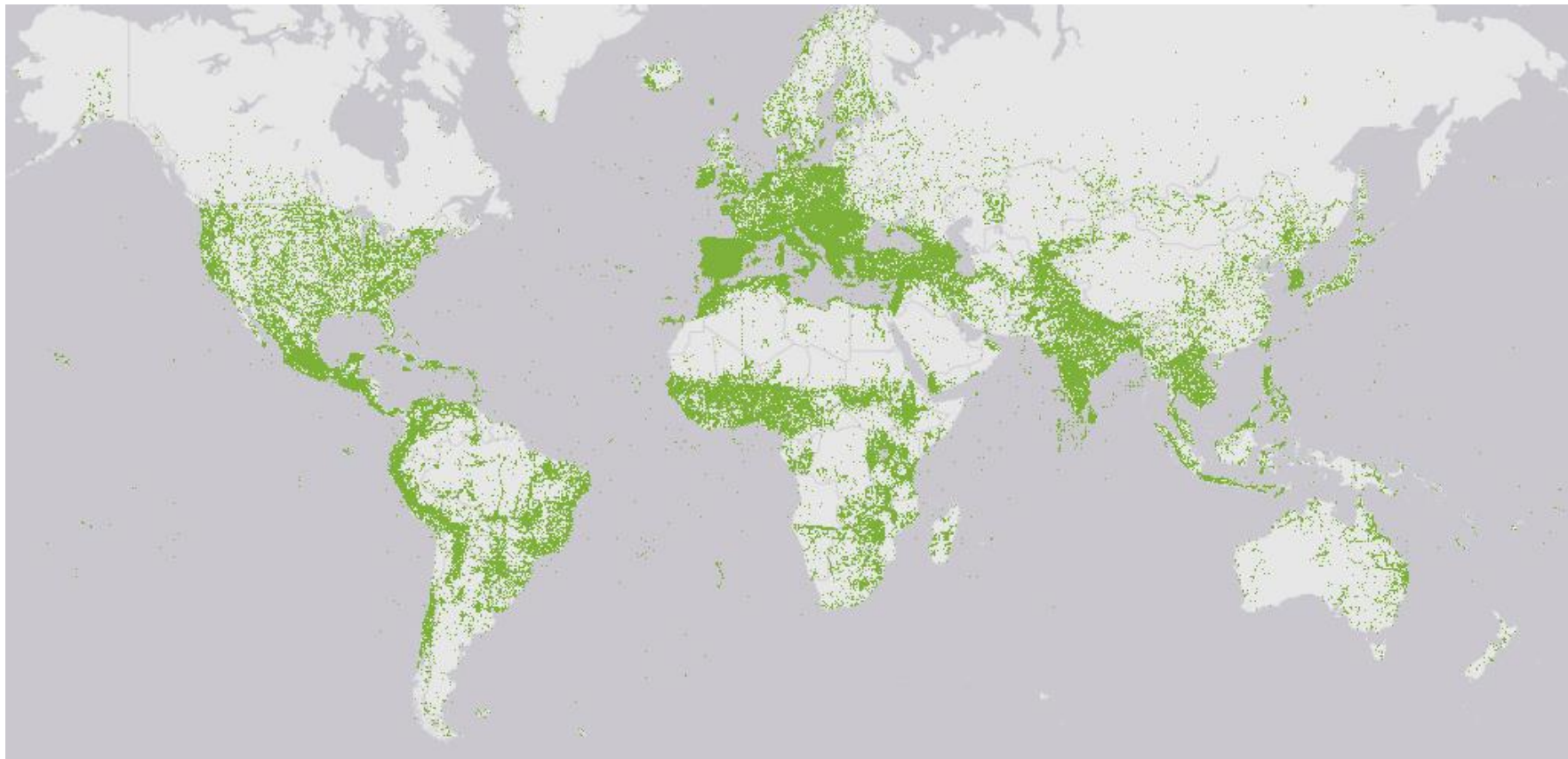
Higher-order Composite Indices for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture



- 63 indicators (+reporting format) to monitor implementation of 18 priority activities of 2<sup>nd</sup> GPA
  - ✓ “Indicators take into account Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including Aichi Biodiversity Targets.”
- National Focal Points report online to FAO World Information & Early Warning System (WIEWS), or via Genesys (accession numbers)

→ 3<sup>rd</sup> State of the World’s PGRFA

<http://www.fao.org/wiews/en/>



# Genesys

<https://www.genesys-pgr.org/welcome>



# The Genebank Platform



Genebank  
Platform

<https://www.genebanks.org/>

# 11 International Genebanks 2012-2015

**749,656** accessions

**717,205** seed

**23,529** tissue culture

**27,763** whole plants

**479,819** samples distributed (157 countries)

**271,428** accessions regenerated

**193,662** health tested

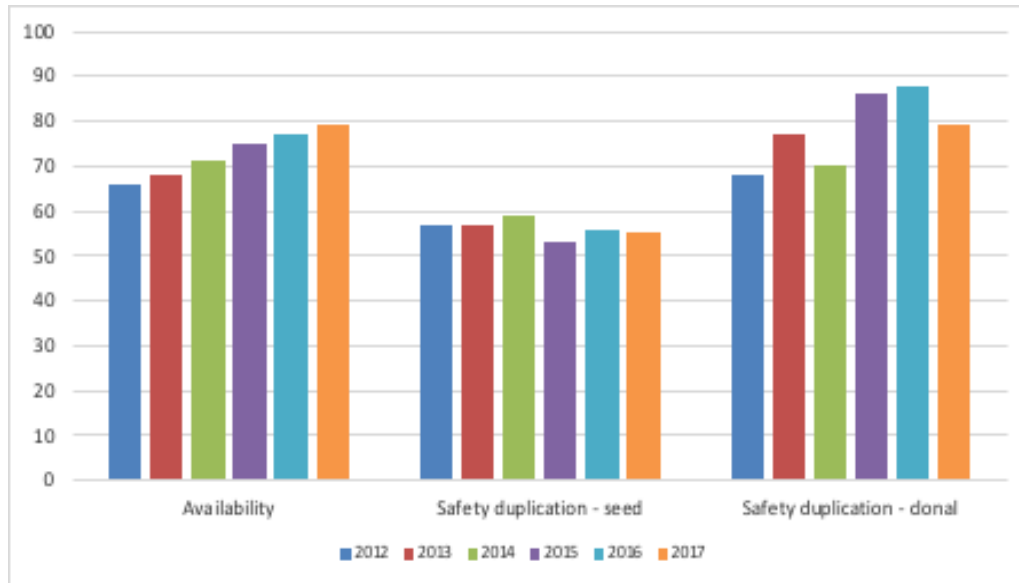
**304,095** viability tested

**2,568** collected

**905** cryobanked

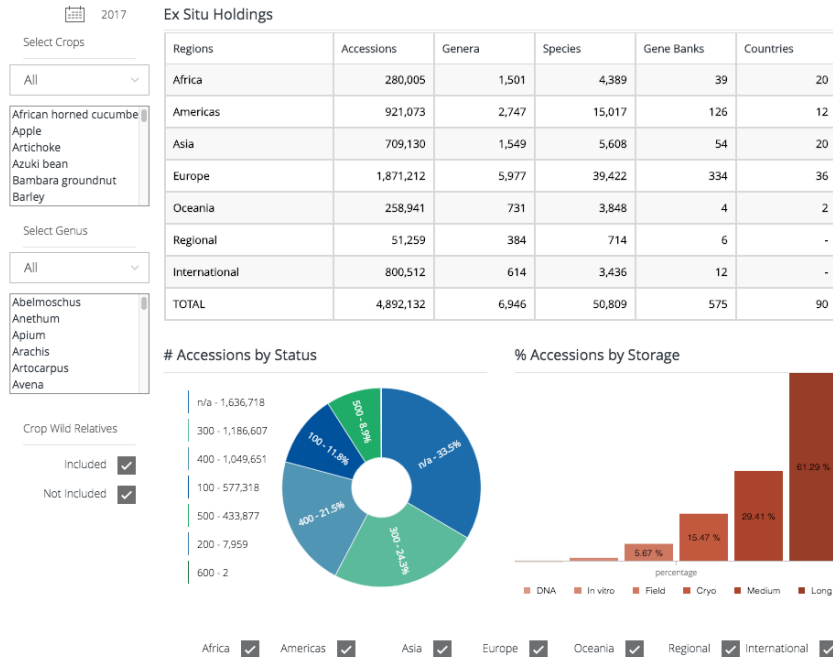


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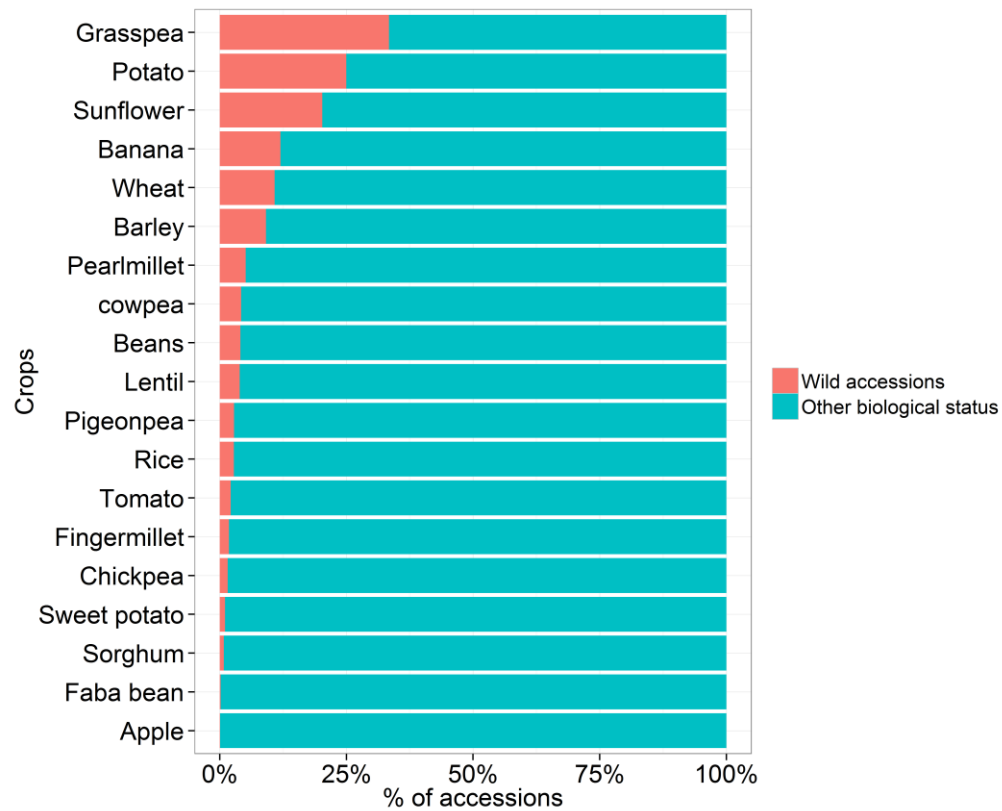
Key performance indicators	
Indicators	Targets
<p><b>1</b> <u>Availability</u></p> <p>% collection which is clean of pathogens of quarantine risk, viable, and in sufficient quantity to be immediately available for international distribution from medium-term storage</p>	90% accessions available
<p><b>2</b> <u>Security</u></p> <p><b>For seed crops:</b> % collection held in long-term storage at 2 locations and also in Svalbard Global Seed Vault (except for tree spp)</p> <p><b>For clonal crops:</b> % of the collection held in long-term storage or cryopreservation at 2 locations; % of the collection held in slow growth conditions <i>in vitro</i> at two locations</p>	<p>90% accessions in seed collections safety duplicated</p> <p>50% clonal accessions in cryopreservation</p> <p>90% clonal accessions duplicated in <i>in vitro</i></p>
<p><b>3</b> <u>Data availability</u></p> <p>% collection with minimum passport and/or characterization data online</p>	90% accessions documented
<p><b>4</b> <u>Quality Management System</u></p>	Agreed elements of QMS are in place

# SDG 2.5.1 from WIEWS



Number of plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium or long term conservation facilities.

<http://www.fao.org/wiews/en/>

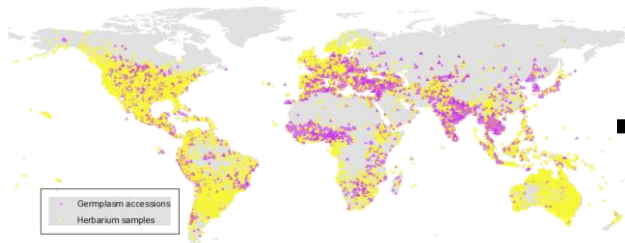


# The 'CWR Project':

## Collecting, Protecting and Preparing Crop Wild Relatives

- Supported by Norwegian Government from climate change adaptation funds
- \$50 million, 10 years
- 29 crop gene pools (ITPGRFA Annex 1)
- Started in Jan. 2011
- Partnership with Millennium Seed Bank, Kew

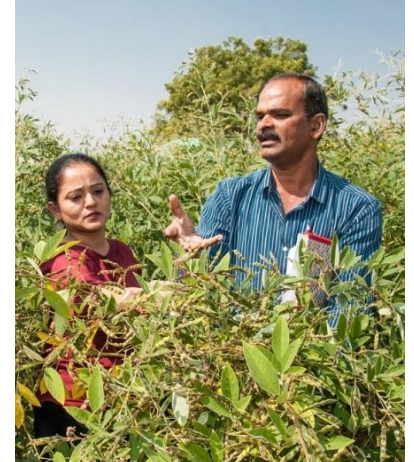




Global gap analysis:  
Priority setting for collecting



Support national genebanks  
in collecting and conservation



Pre-breeding and evaluation  
partnerships for climate  
change adaptation

Organize taxonomic data



Collate occurrences



Geo-reference



MaxEnt



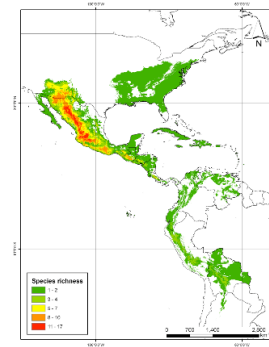
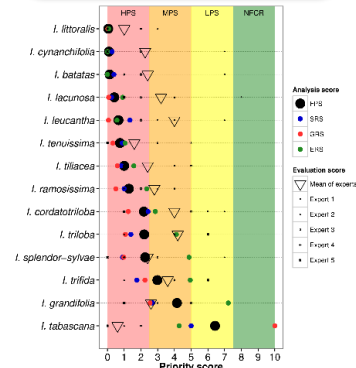
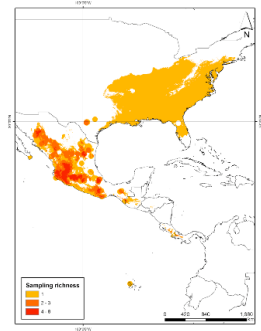
Model distributions



Determine gaps in collections



Make collecting recommendations



## Organize taxonomic data



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**A prioritized crop wild relative inventory to help underpin global food security**  CrossMark

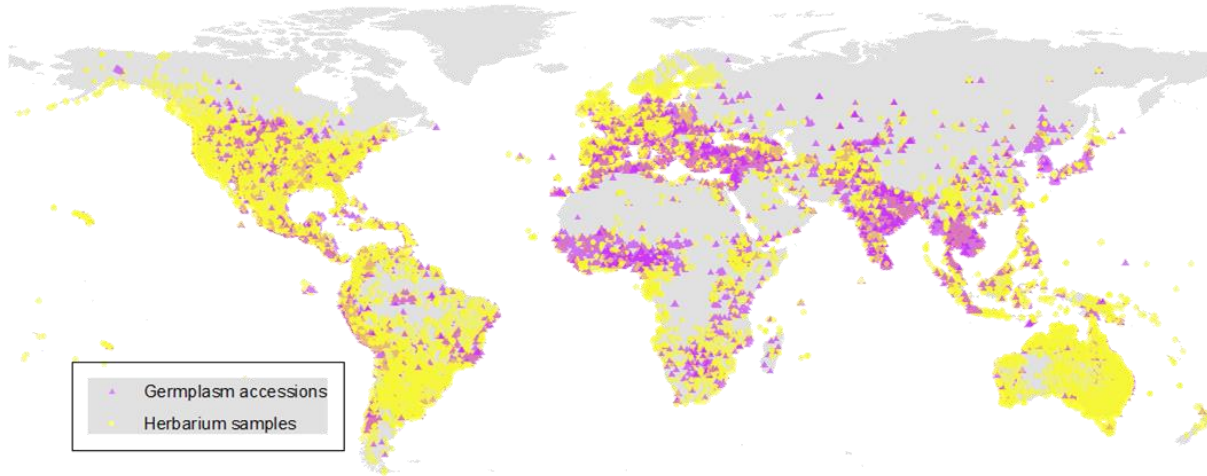
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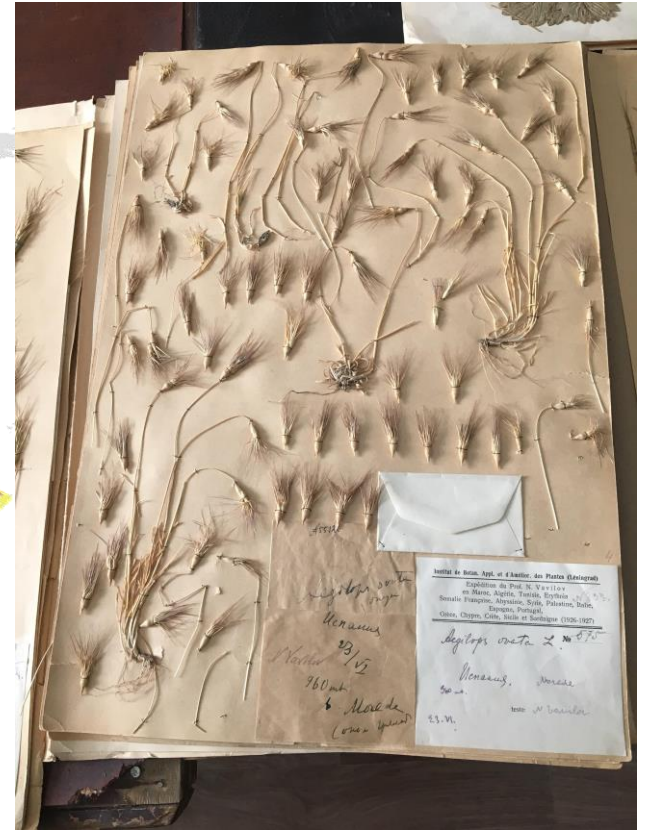
- 81 crop genepools globally important for food security
- 1079 crop wild relative taxa (GP1 and GP2 + less closely related taxa with proven and potential uses in breeding)

Collate  
occurrences

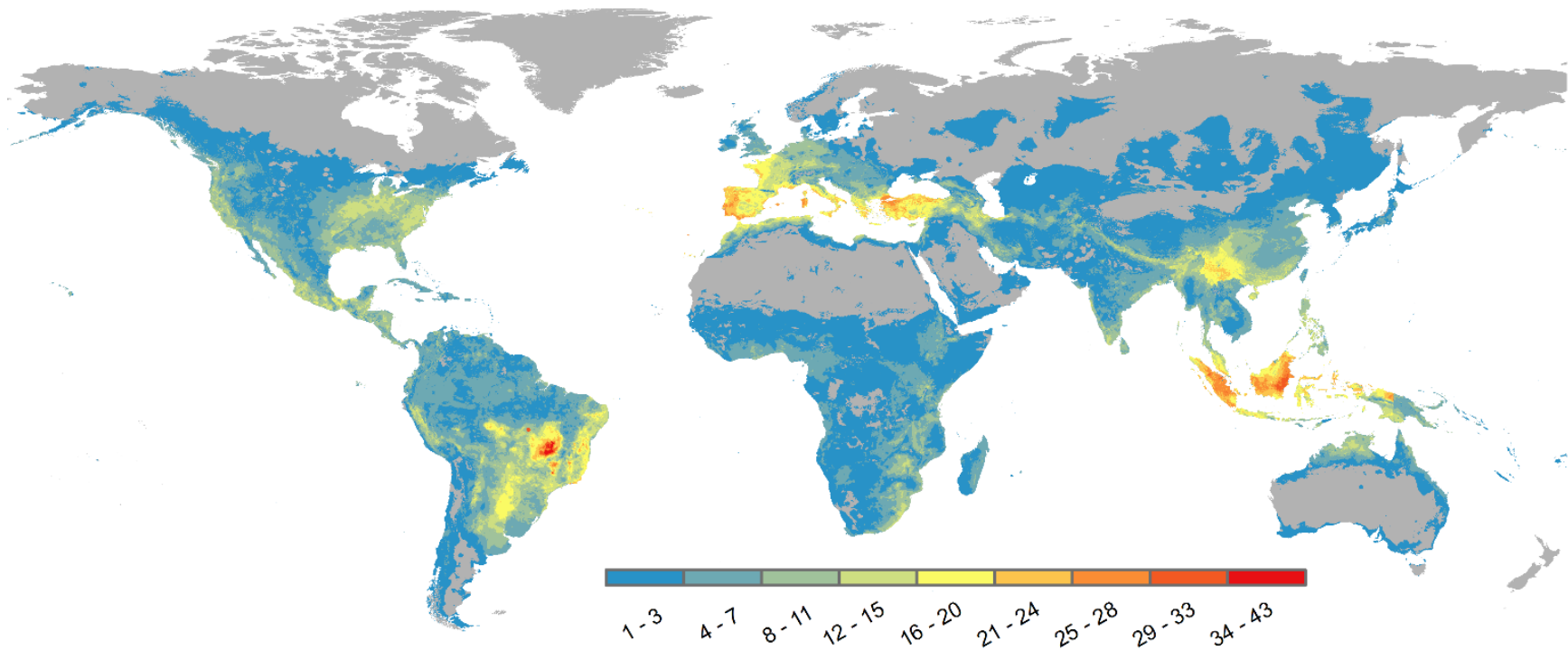
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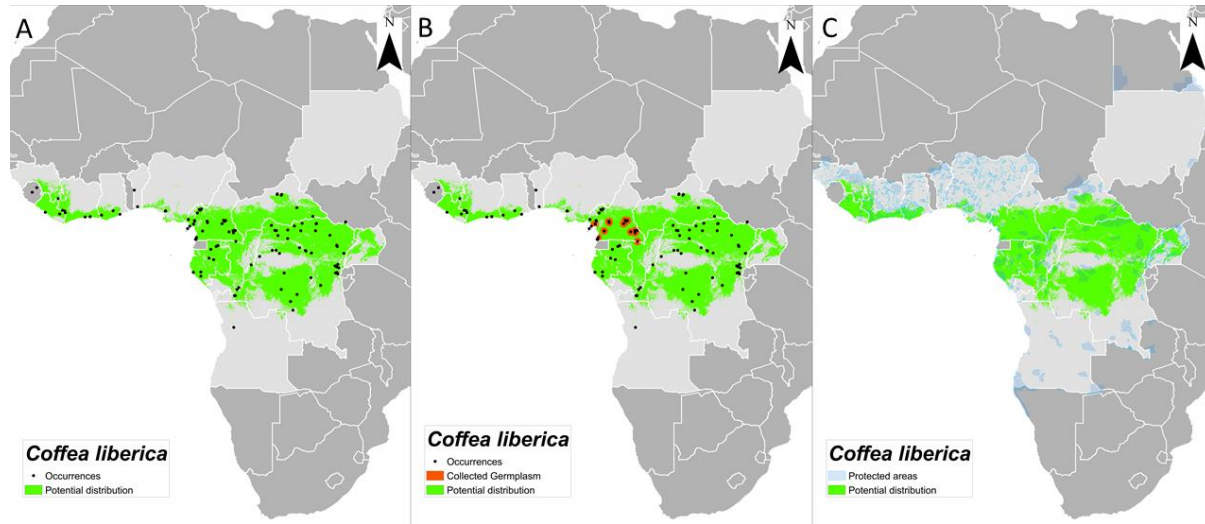
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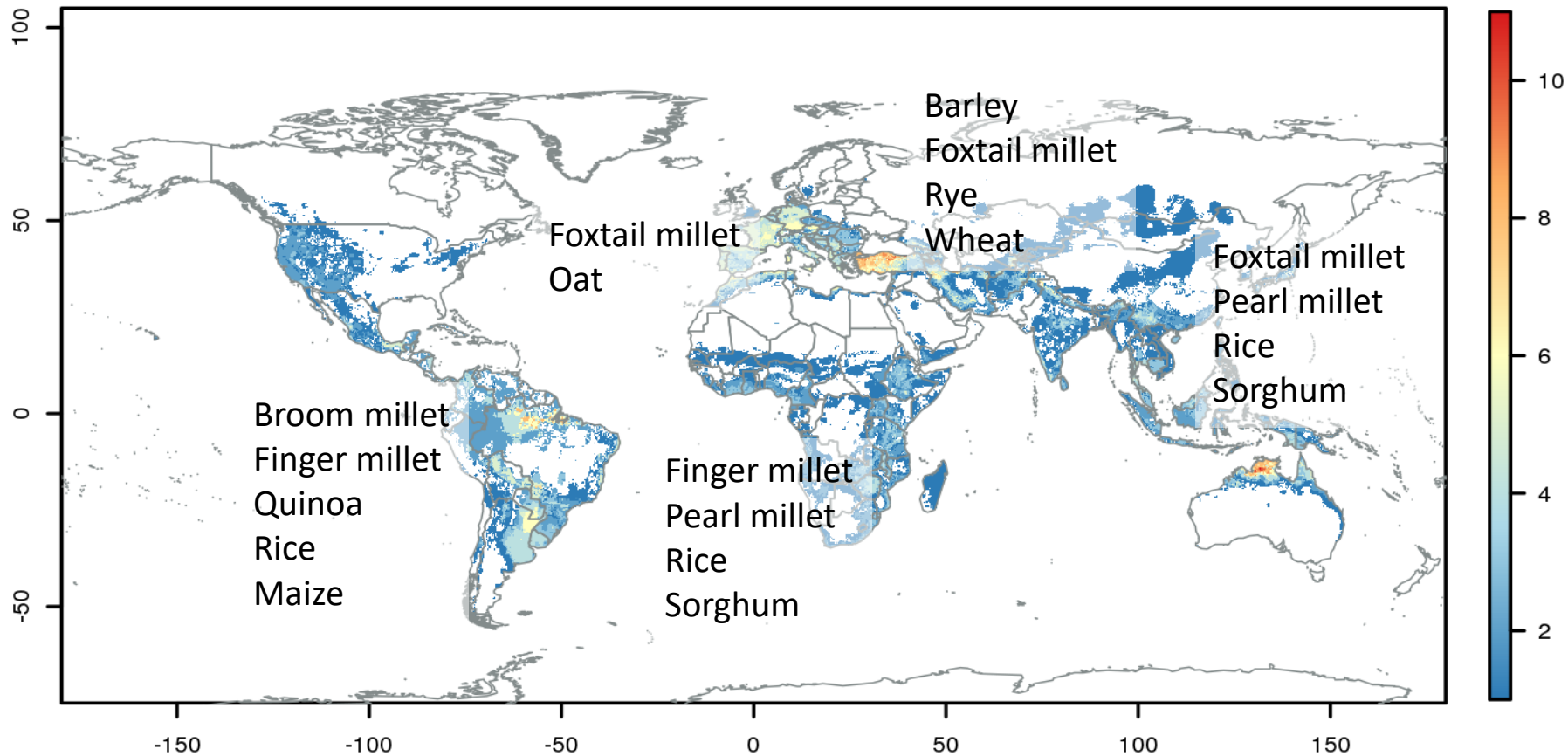


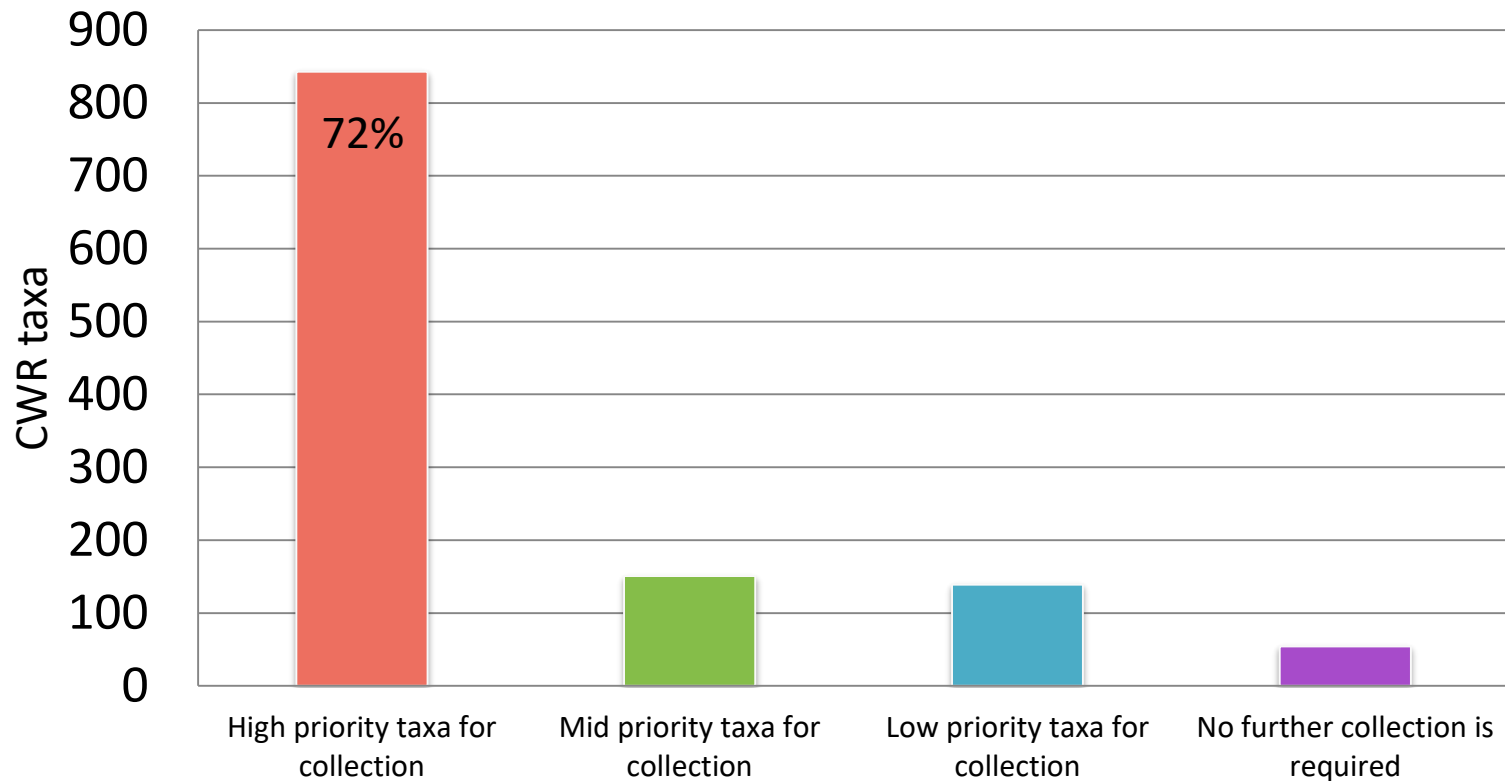


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Determine gaps  
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## Global conservation priorities for crop wild relatives

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Make collecting  
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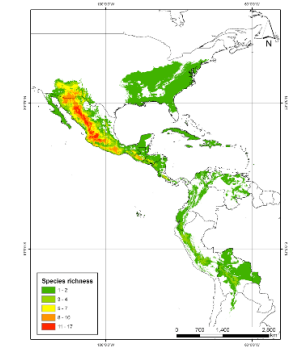
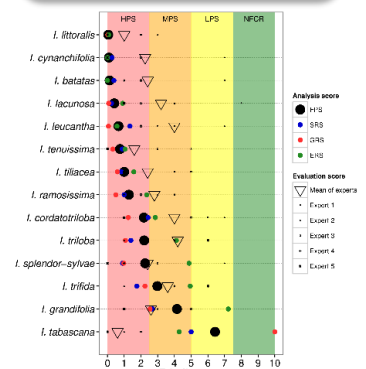
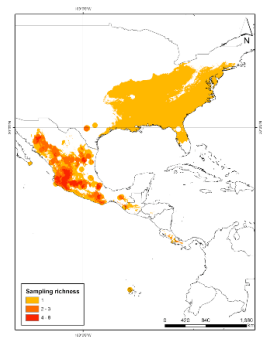
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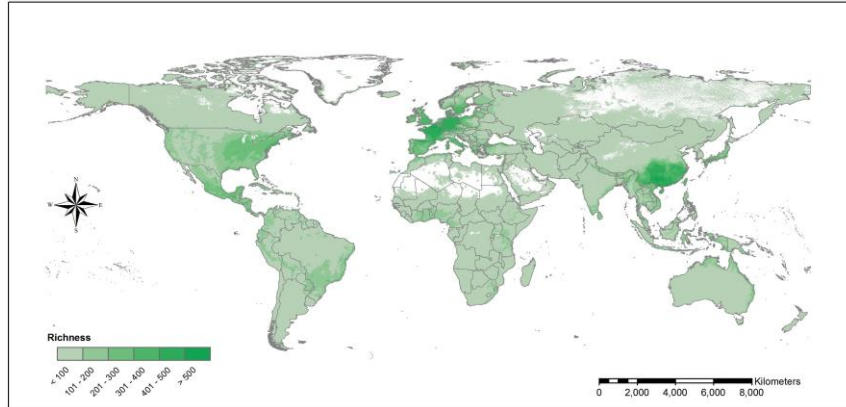
Make collecting recommendations



# Crop wild relatives conservation

- *Ex situ* (global) 28% of CWR spp adequately conserved
  - Castañeda et al (2016) <https://www.nature.com/articles/nplants201622>
- *In situ* (global)
  - Vincent (in review)
- Interactive Toolkit for Conservation Planning of CWR
  - <http://www.cropwildrelatives.org/conservation-toolkit/>
- National level <http://www.cropwildrelatives.org/cwr-strategies/>
  - Checklist and inventories in 29 countries
  - strategies in 8 countries/regions
  - NSAPs for 3 countries

# Socioeconomically valuable wild species



- Automated pipeline applied to about 7000 socioeconomically and culturally valuable wild species (Aichi 13)
- Both *ex situ* and *in situ* gaps
- Results in peer review
- Interactive website

<https://github.com/CIAT-DAPA/aichi13>





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